

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

As a citizen who wants to be informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming.

Local public affairs programming is virtually non-existent--constituting less than one half of 1% of all local programming. More than half of news broadcasts prior to the 2002 elections did not include a single campaign story. Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues, as was the case in the 2000 elections.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

As the elections approach, a well-functioning democracy demands that citizens have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us. Am I wrong in My understanding that the regulation and enforcement of any laws reg. falls on FoxtrotCharlieCharlie. If so Why aren't U people getting the Job Done. HolyCow U people mostly all have college educations,so it can't be lack of ability in reading or understanding the American(english) language printed on any page. Is the problem Political(Republican,RNC)!! I thought that any interference by a political party or any moneyed individual(corp.or human being) was against both the civil rights of all americans as well as against criminal laws.Thank You very much for any help in this matter as I'm at this time checking with counsel to see if My civil rights have been cercumvented or distroyed.

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